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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD
IN THE HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA CLUB, 1750
CLAY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 27,
1909, AT 7:30 P. M.

The following Directors were present: BURCKHALTER, TOWNLEY, MORSE, CUSHING, HALE, GALLOWAY, and CRAWFORD. President BURCKHALTER presided.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and accepted.

A written report was presented by the committee on location. After discussion it was moved and seconded that the President and Secretary be empowered to lease the room in the Phelan Building recommended by the committee, the rental being \$20 per month. Carried.

The Secretary presented and read a letter from Dr. G. W. HILL accepting very gratefully the Bruce Medal for 1909.

The following were elected to membership:

Miss FLORENCE BROWN, 2702 Virginia Street, Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. H. C. WILLIAMS, 1476 Washington Street, San Francisco.

The following were elected institutional members:

Philadelphia Observatory—Broad and Green Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Smith College Library—Northampton, Massachusetts.

Washington University Library—St. Louis, Missouri.

Exchange with the *Gazette Astronomique* of the "Société d'Astronomie d'Anvers" was authorized.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were approved.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN
THE HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA CLUB, 1750
CLAY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH
27, 1909, AT 8 P. M.

President BURCKHALTER presided.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Society were approved.

The report of the nominating committee was presented and printed ballots distributed, after which the polls were opened. The polls were closed at 9 p. m. and Messrs. MCADIE and BAIRD were appointed tellers to canvass the returns.

The report of the auditing committee was presented by Chairman ZIEL.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and all criticising matter be stricken out.

A motion to table the report temporarily was made, seconded and carried. After the address of the evening the previous question was put and carried.

Mr. ZIEL presented a further report concerning a certain adjustment in the funds. No action.

The annual report of the Treasurer was presented by Director GALLOWAY in the absence of Treasurer RICHARDSON. The report was accepted.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That all the acts appearing in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of this Society, as having been done by the said Board during the past fiscal year, are here now, by this Society, approved and confirmed. Moved, seconded and carried.

The Secretary presented and read the letter of Dr. G. W. HILL accepting the Bruce Medal.

President BURCKHALTER formally presented the Bruce Medal for 1909 to Dr. G. W. HILL. As Dr. HILL could not be present to receive the medal, the President directed the Secretary to send it to him with expressions of good wishes and the high esteem in which the Society holds him.

President BURCKHALTER then introduced Dr. GEORGE ELLORY HALE, Director of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory, who delivered a most interesting address upon "The Work of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory." The lecture was profusely illustrated with stereopticon views.

Upon the conclusion of the address it was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given to Dr. HALE. The motion was carried by a rising vote.

The tellers reported that the following had received a majority of the votes cast for Directors: C. BURCKHALTER, W. W. CAMPBELL, G. E. HALE, F. MORSE, R. G. AITKEN, D. S. RICHARDSON, W. H. CROCKER, C. S. CUSHING, J. D. GALLOWAY, R. T. CRAWFORD, E. J. MOLERA. These eleven were then declared elected to be Directors for the ensuing year.

The tellers reported that the following had received a majority of the votes cast for Committee on Publication: S. D. TOWNLEY, J. D. MADDRILL, H. D. CURTIS. These three were then declared elected to be members of the Committee on Publication for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

REPORT OF THE DONOHUE COMET-MEDAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1908.

The following comets were discovered during the year 1908:—

Comet *a* 1908, an unexpected comet, was discovered (photographically) by Professor Dr. MAX WOLF, at Heidelberg, on January 2, 1908.